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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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Southern District of Texas

AUG 29 2014

United States of America

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v.

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Maria GONZALEZ

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David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

Case No. B-14-MJ-809

Defendant

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date of August 29, 2014 in the county of Cameron in the Southern District of Texas the defendant violated 8 USC 1324

an offense described as follows:

Knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact that aliens had come to, entered, or remained in the United States in violation of law, concealed, harbored, or shielded from detection, or attempted to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection, such aliens in any place, including any building or any means of transportation within the United States.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

On August 29, 2014, Homeland Security Special Agents and United States Border Patrol Agents encountered Maria Gonzalez and requested consent to search her residence at [REDACTED] in Brownsville, Texas. Gonzalez provided verbal and written consent to search her residence. A search of Gonzalez' residence revealed a total of eight (8) undocumented aliens, three of whom were minors, under the age of 14. Gonzalez was advised of her rights as per Miranda and agreed to speak with agents without the presence of an attorney. During the interview, Gonzalez stated she was harboring the undocumented aliens for a human smuggling organization and the organization was paying her \$1500 per alien plus \$20 per day per alien harbored at her residence. Gonzalez also stated she was teaching the undocumented aliens how to answer questions in order for them to be transported through the United States Border Patrol Checkpoints at Sarita and Falfurrias, Texas. Two (2) of the aliens were held as material witnesses. Both material witnesses identified Gonzalez as the person who would feed them and teach them how to answer the questions at the United States Border Patrol Checkpoint.

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Complainant's signature

Josue Torres-Bosch, Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: Aug 29, 2014


Judge's signature

Ronald G. Morgan U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

City and state: Brownsville, Texas